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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HIROKI HIYAMA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/625,843

Filed: July 26, 2000

For: IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE

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Examiner: Yogesh K. Aggarwal

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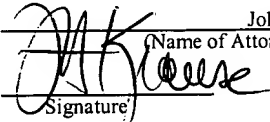
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2005, please amend  
the above-identified application, as follows, pursuant to the Request for Continued  
Examination filed herewith.

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